

Amendments to the Specification

Change paragraph 0028, as follows:

[0028] Since the ion exchanger is filled in the concentrating compartments in the present embodiment of the invention, deionizing property can be ensured even when the line velocity (LV) in the concentrating compartments is 20 m/hr or less. The reasons will be described as follows. When a spacer is placed in each concentrating compartment, it is required to disperse condensed silica and condensed boron on membranes by water ~~flows~~ flow in the concentrating compartment. However, when the ion exchanger is filled in the concentrating compartments, ions are dispersed through the ion exchanger, thereby eliminating the necessity of high line velocity (LV).

Change paragraphs 0057 and 0058, as follows:

[0057] That is, as shown in Figs.6 and 8, penetrations 70 are provided in the base plates 31, 40 across the width thereof. The tie-bolts 71 are inserted into the penetrations 70, respectively. The end of each tie-bolt 71 ~~are is~~ inserted into a an opening 81 at the end of each reinforcing member 80 and the nut 72 is tighten at the end of the tie-bolt 71, such that both ends of each reinforcing member 80 are fastened to the base plates 31, 40, respectively. The reinforcing member 80 is in contact with each lateral sides of the laminates consisting of the frames of the electrodeionization apparatus. The reference numeral "82" in Figs.6 and 8 represents a cutout provided in the reinforcing member 80 for tightening the nut 72.

[0058] The reinforcing ~~member~~ members 80 of which the openings are directed downward and the ones of which the openings are directed upward are arranged alternately. The reinforcing member 80 of which the opening is directed downward and the one of which the opening is directed upward are combined together in such a

manner that a space enclosed by the wings of both of them is formed. The above-mentioned tie-rod 50 is arranged in the space, respectively. When the electrodeionization apparatus is assembled, the tie-rods 50 are previously provided, and then the reinforcing members 80 are attached such that the reinforcing members 80 are laid across the base plates 31, 40.